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SUMMARY: GOJ GENERALLY AGREES WITH USG PERCEPTION OF OECD

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CONSENSUS REACHED IN CONTACT GROUP, BUT NEVERTHELESS

ANTICIPATES FURTHER DISCUSSION OF SOME ISSUES AT NEXT WORKING GROUP MEETING. GOJ WONDERS WHETHER USG POSITIONS STATED REFTEL B ARE FINAL OR WHETHER THERE IS ROOM FOR FURTHER COMPROMISE WITH LDC'S. END SUMMARY.

1. ON DEC 23 EMBOFFF GAVE TO FONOFF REP (TANAKA, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS DIV, UN BUREAU) PAPER INCORPORATING SUBSTANCE OF REF B PARAS 3 THROUGH 8. EMBOFF ORALLY STRESSED POINTS CONTAINED PARAS 1 AND 2 RE ESSENTIALITY OF OECD COUNTRIES ADHERING TO CONSENSUS AND IMPORTANCE OF HAVING JANUARY WORKING GROUP MEETING BUILD ON WORK OF CONTACT GROUP. ON JAN 9 TANAKA RESPONDED AS FOLLOWS:

2. GOJ IS IN GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH USG PERCEPTION OF CONSENSUS REACHED AT OCT-NOV CONTACT GROUP MEETING AS CONTAINED REF B. HOWEVER, FONOFF HAS FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS:

A) RE VOTING: EVEN THOUGH CONTACT GROUP AGREED ON WEIGHTED VOTING WITHIN GROUP A, SOME OTHER COUNTRIES OBJECTED TO CONCEPT AS INCOMPATIBLE WITH PRINCIPLE OF EQUAL REPRESENTATION, AND RECENT WFC DOCUMENT INDICATES ISSUE REMAINS TO BE DECIDED. FONOFF FEELS QUESTION SHOULD AND WILL BE FURTHER DISCUSSED AT NEXT WORKING GROUP MEETING.

B) RE DIRECT LENDING: LATEST WFC DOCUMENT CONTAINS OLD DISCRPTION OF APPROACH TO THIS PROBLEM AND RELEGATES CONTACT GROUP AGREEMENT TO FOOTNOTE WITH EXPLANATION THAT IS WAS REJECTED IN PLENARY SESSION.

C) RE ONE BILLION SDR TARGET: 7TH UN SPECIAL SESSION ADOPTED ONE BILLION SDR TARGET WITHOUT OPPOSITION FROM USG. OCT-NOV MEETING ALSO ADOPTED TARGET STATED IN SDR'S, NOTING ONLY IN FOOTNOTE THAT ONE COUNTRY (U.S.) WAS INSISTING ON TARGET STATED AS ONE BILLION DOLLARS. REFTEL B NOTES USG AUTHORIZING LEGISLATION SPEAKS OF ONE BILLION DOLLARS. IS USG NOT BEING INCONSISTENT ON THIS POINT? WHAT IS REASON FOR USG INSISTENCE ON TARGET STATED IN DOLLARS RATHER THAN SDR'S?
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D) PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES OF IFAD STAFF: THIS IS RATHER MINOR POINT FOR GOJ, BUT UK EMBASSY TOKYO RECENTLY MADE REPRESENTATION TO FONOFF ARGUING FOR IFAD STAFF PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES SIMILAR TO THOSE ENJOYED BY OTHER IFI'S BUT LESS THAN THOSE OF UN SPECIALIZED AGENCY. WHAT ARE USG VIEWS?

3. QUESTIONS OF IMPORTANCE TO GOJ ARE THOSE OF VOTING AND USE OF EXISTING IFI'S. EVEN ON THESE QTE ESSENTIAL UNQTE POINTS, HOWEVER, GOJ FEELS THERE IS ROOM FOR COMPROMISE WITH LDC'S. QUESTION OF CONCERN TO GOJ, IN VIEW USG'S STATEMENT THAT OECD ADHERENCE TO CONSENSUS EARLIER REACHED IS QTE ESSENTIAL UNQTE, IS WHETHER USG WILL IN FACT INSIST ON HIS CONSENSUS TO BITTER END OR WHETHER THERE IS ROOM IN USG VIEW FOR ADDITIONAL COMPROMISES WITH LDC'S ON THESE POINTS. FONOFF'S CONCERN IS THAT IF, AS REQUESTED BY USG, IT TAKES FIRM POSITION AT WORKING GROUP MEETING IN FAVOR OF PRESENT OECD CONSENSUS IT MAY FIND ITSELF ISOLATED AND EMBARRASSED IF USG SWITCHES POSITION IN DIRECTIONOF COMPROMISE WITH LDC'S. IS USG POSITION FINAL OR IS THERE ROOM FOR COMPROMISE? IF FORMER IS CASE, WHAT WILL USG DO IF WORKING GROUP MEETING TAKES DECISIONS AT VARIANCE WITH EARLIER CONTACT GROUP CONSENSUS? WILL USG NOT PARTICIPATE FURTHER IN IFAD? WHAT WILL BECOME OF USG CONTRIBUTION?

4. FONOFF WILL SOON BE PREPARING INSTRUCTIONS TO ITS ROME EMBASSY RE JAN 14 MEETING OF OECD REPRESENTATIVES, AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANY USG RESPONSES TO ABOVE QUESTIONS IN TIME FOR USE IN FORMULATING INSTRUCTIONS AND PARTICIPATING IN MEETING.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPT PROVIDE SOONEST INFO IN RESPONSE TO FONOFF QUESTIONS PARAS 2 AND 3 ABOVE.
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